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MARVIN KEMPNER EARNS MMR #405

I've been involved with model railroading since the early 1950s and originally loved building engines. My first model was a little 0-4-0, and to my utter amazement, it ran. I still have the hand tool to rivet those original valve gears. My last engine was a 4-6-6-4. From there, I discovered car kits and built a lot of them. I found it interesting to realize working couplers still weren't on the market. Kits like Ambroid, Silver Streak, and a few others made beautiful models. Most of the other companies were building metal cars with almost no skill in assembly. I built my first layout in the basement of my home in Buffalo, New York, with lots of help from other modelers.

I worked my entire life in the broadcasting industry. My early years were spent traveling by car throughout the northeastern and southeastern United States. Having formed my own company with two others, I spent 12 years producing and syndicating radio programs throughout the U.S. and Canada.

I sold the company in 1960 and headed to New York City to run the company for the new owners. Until 1976, when I joined the Lauderdale Shore Line in Florida, I had done nothing but read *Model Railroader* and *Craftsman*. In my years in New York, I formed two companies and the last one I brought to Florida. {Anyone interested in my book, "Can't wait till Monday Morning" can find it at Amazon.com, it's the history of Radio-Television Syndication}.

The Lauderdale Shore Line, an HO club, quickly got me in the fold, and it wasn't long before I became a board member, which continued for several years. I really enjoyed building modules and several types of buildings. I recall the first module I entered in a regional contest. I was so proud of my work and was heartbroken when I was disqualified for lack of paperwork. The model didn't get at least 87½ for an award but still won "Best of Show."

I spent seven years working with the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce to get the city and DOT to give us a lease for the railroad station. We would meet at city hall Monday's at 7AM. I finally got the go ahead, but still feel they double-crossed me, I expected $1 a year and they charged us $2! The Lauderdale Shore Line is now the Deerfield Beach Railroad Museum.

I've had a ball with great guys and gals to work with. I had two terms as superintendent of the Sunshine Region, ran a regional convention, and headed up the Junior College Program at a national convention. I've written lots of articles and built a few layouts. Last February 3, I was thrilled to be named to the "Hall Of Fame" at the Craftsman Structures show.

I've pretty well done it all and loved every minute of it. The MMR is the "frosting on the cake."

Marvin earned the following certificates: Master Builder—Cars, Master Builder—Structures, Master Builder—Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer—Electrical, Association Official, Association Volunteer, and Model Railroad Author.